

Committee Meetings

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION CENTER FOR BIOLOGICS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Food and Drug Administration Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research. Testimony was heard from Jesse L. Goodman, Director, Center for Biologics, Evaluation and Research, Department of Health and Human Services.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Legal Services Corporation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Legal Services Corporation: Helaine Barnett, President; and Frank B. Strickland, Chairman.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DOE WEAPONS ACTIVITIES/NAVAL REACTORS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy—Weapons Activities and Naval Reactors. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Thomas P. D'Agostino, Under Secretary, Nuclear Security and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; Robert L. Smolen, Deputy Administrator, Defense Programs; and Kirkland Donald, Deputy Administrator, Naval Reactors.

OPM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on OPM. Testimony was heard from Linda Springer, Director, OPM.

CARGO/SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Cargo, Container and Supply Chain Security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jayson Ahern, Deputy Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and Vayl Oxford, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; and public witnesses.

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hear-

ing on the Indian Health Service. Testimony was heard from Bob McSwain, Acting Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

DOD—BUDGET OVERVIEW

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Defense—Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Tina W. Jonas, Comptroller; and Wayne Arny, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on Contributions to International Peacekeeping Activities (CIPA) and the Contributions to International Organizations (CID) accounts. Testimony was heard from Kristen Silverberg, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION POLICY/ REVENUE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Highways and Transit Programs: The DOT Perspective on the Urgent Funding Needs for Today and Tomorrow. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Phyllis Scheinberg, Assistant Secretary, Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer; James Simpson, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; and James Ray, Acting Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Thoughts and Recommendations from the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission. Testimony was heard from Frank Busalacchi, Commissioner, Department of Transportation, Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1108, Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act.

INTERNET GAMBLING ENFORCEMENT REGULATIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology held a hearing entitled "Proposed

UIGEA Regulations: Burden without Benefit?” Testimony was heard from Louise L. Roseman, Director, Division of Reserve Bank Operations and Payment Systems, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Valerie Abend, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Critical Infrastructure Protection and Compliance Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

U.N. PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations: An Underfunded International Mandate—the Role of the United States Testimony was heard from Kristen Silverberg, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing on this subject. The Subcommittee was briefed by Jane Holl Lute, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and Officer in Charge of the Department of Field Support, United Nations.

AFGHANISTAN—TALIBAN RESURGENCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on the Strategic Chaos and Taliban Resurgence in Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 5493, To provide that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the House of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on House Administration; H. Res. 1068, amended, Permitting active duty members of the Armed Forces who are assigned to a Congressional liaison office of the Department of Defense at the House of Representatives to obtain membership in the exercise facility established for employees of the House of Representatives; H.R. 5036, amended, Emergency Assistance for Secure Elections Act of 2008; H.R. 281, Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act of 2007; H.R. 3032, amended, To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate.

The Committee also approved an amendment to Regulations Governing the Use of Official Funds, by Members, Committees, and Officers of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5570, amended, Religious Worker Visa Extension Act of 2008; H.R. 5060, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow athletes admitted as nonimmigrants described in section 101(a)(15)(P) of such Act to renew their period of authorized admission in 5-year increments; H.R. 5569, To extend for 5 years the EB-5 regional center pilot program; H.R. 5571, To extend for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates; H.R. 1777, Need-Based Educational Aid Act of 2007; and a private relief bill.

The Committee also adversely reported to the House the following bills: H.R. 2176, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; H.R. 4115, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3513, amended, Cooper Salmon Wilderness Act; H.R. 5151, amended, Wild Monongahela Act: A National Legacy for West Virginia's Special Places; H.R. 831, amended, Coffman Cove Administrative Site Conveyance Act; and H.R. 3734, Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area Act.

FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing on Examining the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 2008. Testimony was heard from Robin Nazzaro, Director, National Resources and Environment, GAO; Robert Flaak, Director, Committee Management Secretariat, GSA; Frank Wilson, Director, Administration and Management, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4847, the “United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2008.” The rule provides 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that, in lieu

of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as an original bill for purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the report except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Amendments so printed may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by a proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Mitchell and Gingrey.

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on International Science and Technology Cooperation. Testimony was heard from John H. Marburger III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Arden Bement, Director, NSF; the following officials of the Department of State: Nina Fedoroff, Science and Technology Advisor to the Secretary; and Jeff Miotke, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Science, Space and Health, Bureau of Oceans and International and Environmental and Scientific Affairs; and Michael F. O'Brien, Assistant Administrator, External Relations, NASA.

NATIONAL FLOOD PLAIN REMAPPING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Energy Management held a hearing on National Flood Plain Remapping: The Practical Impact. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ehlers, Boozman, Miller of Michigan, Matsui, and Hall of New York; Steven Stockton, Deputy Director, Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; David Maurstad, Assistant Administrator, Mitigation Directorate, FEMA; and public witnesses.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY/VISION ISSUES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Related Vision Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: James Orcutt, M.D., Chief of Ophthalmology, Barbara Sigford, M.D., National Program Director, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, both with the Veterans Health Administration, and Glenn Cockerman, M.D., Chief of Ophthalmology, VA Palo Alto Health Care System; COL Loreen K. Sutton, M.D., Director, Center of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

SUBPOENAS TO EPA; CURBING SOARING AVIATION EMISSIONS

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Approved a resolution authorizing the Select Committee to issue subpoenas to the EPA as necessary to obtain the EPA's draft regulations and finding of "endangerment," from motor vehicle emissions as provided under the Clean Air Act regulatory and in response to the regulatory and in response to the *Massachusetts v. EPA* decision.

The Select Committee also held a hearing entitled "From the Wright Brothers to the Right Solutions: Curbing Soaring Aviation Emissions." Testimony was heard from Dan K. Elwell, Assistant Administrator, Policy, Planning, and Environment, FAA, Department of Transportation; Bob Meyers, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

CURRENT ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies—2008: Committee announced the following membership: Senator Feinstein (Chairman), Senator Reid, Senator Bennett, Representative Pelosi, Representative Hoyer, and Representative Boehner.

Also, Committee approved its budget.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the status of the Surface Transportation Trust Funds and impact on federal spending, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Fiscal Year, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gen. David D. McKiernan, to be General, and Commander, International Security Assistance Force, Afghanistan, Lt. Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, to be General, and Vice Chief of Staff, and Lt. Gen. Walter L. Sharp, to be General, and Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea, all of the United States Army, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 on Army modernization, and the future years defense program, 3 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine turmoil in U.S. credit markets, focusing on the recent actions of federal financing regulators, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine international fisheries, focusing on management and enforcement, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the current price of oil, focusing on non-commercial institutional investors, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at United States colleges and universities, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine outside the box on estate tax reform, focusing on reviewing ideas to simplify planning, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the conditions and developments of Iraq in 2012, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Federal Emergency Management Agency, focusing on if the agency is better prepared for a catastrophe now than it was in 2005, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on the

Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia to examine managing diversity of senior leadership in the Federal workforce and Postal Service, 2 p.m., 2154, Rayburn Building.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2136, to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, S. 2133, to authorize bankruptcy courts to take certain actions with respect to mortgage loans in bankruptcy, S. 2041, to amend the False Claims Act, S. 2533, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, S. 702, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to State courts to develop and implement State courts interpreter programs, S. Res. 468, designating April 2008 as "National 9-1-1 Education Month", and the nominations of Catharina Haynes, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and Rebecca A. Gregory, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark S. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, David Gregory Kays, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, David J. Novak, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, and Elisebeth C. Cook, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine legislative presentations from sundry Veteran Affairs organizations, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine scrambling for health insurance coverage, focusing on health security for people in late middle age, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Natural Resources Conservation Service Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Attorney General, 10 a.m., and on Census, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense/Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, on Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy—Nuclear Nonproliferation, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Services, on GSA, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Candidate Protection and Investigatory Programs: Balancing the U.S. Secret Service Workload, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses; 10 a.m., and on Bureau of Indian Affairs and Office of Special Trustee, 10:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.